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DEQ Reviewer: M. Campbell

Review Date: 6/9/06

DEQ Septage Receiving Facility Checklist Name of Septage Receiving Facility:

Benton Harbor - St. Joseph Joint WWTP

Address of Septage Receiving Facility:

269 Anchors Way St. Joseph, MI 49085

Facility Contact: Mr. Timothy J. Lynch, Manager

Telephone Number: 269-983-7719

The following information must be submitted in the Operation Plan in order to receive DEQ approval:

Requirement 1. Location of septage RF.	Yes X	<u>No</u>	Comments
2. Hours of operation.	X		6 a.m. to 6 p.m. M - F
3. Categories of septage waste the RF will receive.	x		Domestic septage only. No industrial or commercial waste.
4. If food establishment septage is accepted, how is the RF ensuring that the FES meets the 1:3 ratio mandated by law? (Not OP req't.)			FES is not accepted.
5. *Fee structure charged to hauler.	X		Currently 3.5¢, changes to 4¢ per gallon on July 1, 2006.
6. *Service area (septage acceptance) description of RF defined in detail.	X		15 radial miles around facility. Map provided in June 7, 2006, response letter.
7. Notice of proposed operation plan:			In a letter dated June 7, 2006, the
a) Was it mailed to county HD and legislative body of each city, village and township located in whole or in part of the service area?	×		plant manager noted that they contacted the health department and local unit of governments (see list in letter).

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Requirement	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Comments</u>
7. Notice of proposed op. plan: b) Was it public noticed in the local newspaper?	X		
c) Was it posted on the facility website?		N.A.	The facility does not maintain a website.
8. Did the notice contain the following? a. Statement that the RF proposed to or is currently receiving and will continue to receive septage waste for treatment.	X		
b. Statement in the notice that the proposed operating plan is available for review during normal work hours.			
c. A request for written comments on the proposed operation of the RF and the deadline for receipt of such comments, which shall not be less than 30 days after publication, posting, or mailing of the notice.	×		
d. Receiving facility capacity.			20,000 gpd is the max. They
I) Hydraulic capacity:	X		average 3,000 gpd.
II) Organic capacity:		X	Not given. But at 20,000 gpd their BOD would be ~ 1,500 lbs./day.
*III) Wet weather operation considerations (CSO & SSO)			Not mentioned.
9. Other conditions established for the RF.	X		They reserve the right to suspend service to a hauler whose actions are harmful to the plant.

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June 2, 2006

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Subject:

Septage Waste Treatment Operating Plan

Additional Information

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WELL CONSTRUCTION UNIT

Dear Mr. Campbell:

In response to your April 21, 2006 letter I am providing the following comments and information relating to the Joint Plant's Septage Waste Treatment Operating Plan.

Under the public notice section of your letter; The Joint Plant does not maintain a website.

The proposed operating plan was not mailed to the local county health department and each legislative body within the Joint Plant's service area. In accordance with Act 451 Section 11715b.6.c, the following action was taken:

The Berrien County Health Department and the legislative body of each city, village and township located in whole or in part of the service area of the Joint Plant were sent a notice stating where the operating plan was available for review during normal business hours. The plant received and accommodated one inquiry in response to this notice.

With regards to the service area section of your letter, the Joint Plant's service area consists of the following municipalities:

City of St. Joseph St. Joseph Township Village of Stevensville Lincoln Township City of Benton Harbor Benton Township Village of Shoreham Royalton Township

A map of Berrien County with the Joint Plant service area outlined is attached.

If you have any further questions or comments relating to this matter, please contact me.

Sincerely

Timothy . Lynch Plant Manager

Enclosure

BENTON HARBOR-ST. JOSEPH Land Use Map
JOINT WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
269 ANCHORS WAY
ST. JOSEPH, MI 49085 Service Area Residential Commercial Industrial Public/Semi-Public Agriculture or Vacant Municipal Boundaries Roads EXISTING SERVICE AREA BOUNDARY POTENTIAL FUTURE SERVICE AREAS





STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY LANSING



January 31, 2006

Mr. Timothy J. Lynch, Plant Manager Benton Harbor – St. Joseph Joint WWTP 269 Anchors Way St. Joseph, Michigan 49085

Dear Mr. Lynch:

SUBJECT: Septage Receiving Facility Operating Plan

Benton Harbor - St. Joseph Joint WWTP

Review of the Benton Harbor – St. Joseph Joint Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) received on October 13, 2005, is complete. The purpose of the review was to ensure that the plan addressed all of the required elements of Part 117, Septage Waste Servicers, Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended. The operating plan is approved under the condition that the following items are addressed and sent to this office within 60 days (March 31, 2006).

The public notice requirements are as follows:

- Publish notice of the proposed operating plan in a newspaper of general circulation in the area where the receiving facility is located.
- If the person maintains a Web site, post notice of the proposed operating plan on its Web site.
- Notice of a proposed operating plan shall contain all of the following:
 - (a) A statement that the receiving facility continues to receive septage waste for treatment.
 - (b) A copy of the proposed operating plan or a statement where the operating plan is available for review during normal business hours.
 - (c) A request for written comments on the proposed operation of the receiving facility and the deadline for receipt of such comments, which shall be not less than 30 days after publication, posting, or mailing of the notice.

After the deadline for receipt of comments, the person proposing to operate a receiving facility may modify the plan in response to any comments received and shall submit a summary of the comments and the current version of the proposed operating plan to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for approval.

Receiving facility capacity:

 Does the Benton Harbor – St. Joseph Joint WWTP have any wet weather operation considerations (combined sewer or sanitary sewer overflows). Mr. Timothy J. Lynch Page 2 January 31, 2006

The receiving facility must operate in accordance with the approved plan. If a change in operations or conditions is anticipated, please file an amendment to the plan at least 30 days prior to the proposed date for implementation. Please note that this approval is further conditioned such that the identified service areas restrict only the disposition of septic tank waste pumped within those areas. Land application of septage pumped from outside the service areas may continue to be land applied to DEQ authorized land-application sites within the identified boundaries.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at the number below.

Sincerely,

Matthew Campbell

Septage Waste Program Coordinator

On-Site Wastewater Unit

Drinking Water and Environmental Health Section

Water Bureau 517-335-4178

MCC:DLR

cc: Mr. Gary T. Witkowski, R.S. Environmental Health Services Manager, Berrien County

Health Départment

Mr. Richard Falardeau, Water Bureau, DEQ

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February 22, 2006

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Mr. Matthew Campbell Septage Waste Program Coordinator MDEQ Water Bureau PO Box 30273 Lansing, MI 48909-7773

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Subject:

Septage Waste Treatment Operating Plan Additional Information

Dear Mr. Campbell:

In accordance with your January 31, 2006 letter of conditional approval and as we discussed, I am providing additional information relating to the Joint Plant's Septage Waste Treatment Operating Plan.

Specifically, you asked for verification that the public notice requirements of the plan have been fulfilled. I have enclosed a copy of the Affidavit of Publication along with the notice published in the local newspaper with all required information. No public comments were received on the plan.

The other information requested relates to the receiving facility capacity. This information is available in the Joint Plant's Septage Waste Treatment Operating Plan, enclosed (2nd and 3rd paragraphs). It should also be noted the plant can suspend or refuse service to anyone when such actions may be harmful to the operation and treatment of the facility or its processes such as during times of abnormally high influent flows. This stipulation is found in Section F of the Joint Plant's Supplemental Septage Dumping and Treatment Rules and Regulations approved and adopted by the Benton Harbor - St. Joseph Wastewater Treatment Plant Joint Board of Commissioners on December 16, 2004. I have also enclosed a copy of this document for your review. In summary, the following documents are enclosed for your review:

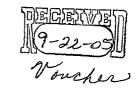
- A. Affidavit of Publication along with the notice published in the local newspaper
- B. The Joint Plant's Septage Waste Treatment Operating Plan
- C. The Joint Plant's Supplemental Septage Dumping and Treatment Rules and Regulations

I trust this will satisfy the requirements for final approval of our plan. If you have any questions or comments relating to this matter please contact me.

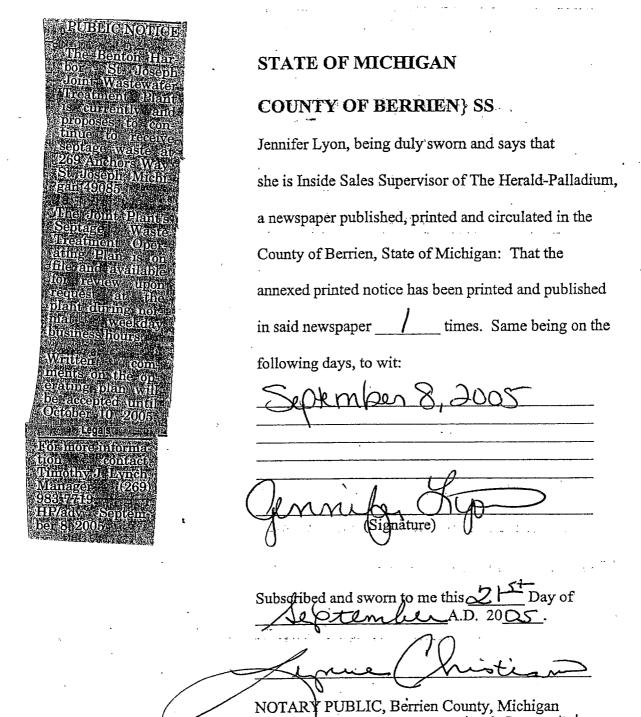
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Timothy Jolynch Plant Manager

Enclosures



AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION



My commission expires

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Benton Harbor - St. Joseph Joint Wastewater Treatment Plant is currently and proposes to continue to receive septage waste at 269 Anchors Way, St. Joseph, Michigan 49085.

The Joint Plant's Septage Waste Treatment Operating Plan is on file and available for review upon request at the plant during normal weekday business hours.

Written comments on the operating plan will be accepted until October 10, 2005. For more information contact: Timothy J. Lynch, Manager (269) 983-7719.

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SEPTAGE WASTE TREATMENT OPERATING PLAN

SEPTEMBER 2005

The Benton Harbor - St. Joseph Joint Wastewater Treatment Plant (Joint Plant) receives septage waste at 269 Anchors Way, St. Joseph, Michigan 49085 in accordance with the Supplemental Septage Dumping and Treatment Rules and Regulations as adopted by the Benton Harbor - St. Joseph Wastewater Treatment Plant Joint Board of Commissioners (Joint Board) on December 16, 2004.

Receiving Facility Capacity: The Joint Plant has a design capacity to receive and treat 15.3 million gallons of wastewater per day (MGD) and 37,900 pounds/day of BOD. For Fiscal Year 2004-05, the Joint Plant treated an average of 9.21 MGD of wastewater and 11,033 pounds/day of BOD.

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Receiving Facility Service Area: The service area for the receiving of septage waste for the Joint Plant consists of Berrien County and portions of Cass and Van Buren Counties in accordance with Part 117 (sec. 11701).

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Other Conditions: The Supplemental Septage Dumping and Treatment Rules and Regulations as adopted are attached to and included as part of the Joint Plant's Septage Waste Treatment Operating Plan.

Benton Harbor - St. Joseph Joint Wastewater Treatment Plant

SUPPLEMENTAL SEPTAGE DUMPING AND TREATMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

December 16, 2004

REFERENCE AND AUTHORIZATION: ARTICLE IV, SECTION 413 OF THE INDUSTRIAL WASTE RULES AND REGULATIONS AS ADOPTED BY THE BENTON HARBOR - ST. JOSEPH WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT JOINT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, (JOINT BOARD), ON NOVEMBER 9, 2000.

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SECTION 413-1: RATES AND CHARGES, INVOICING DEPOSITS:

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EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2005 - \$35.00 PER 1,000 GALLONS

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THE JOINT BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO PERIODICALLY ADJUST THE CHARGE FOR DUMPING AND TREATMENT OF SEPTAGE TO REFLECT:

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SUPPLEMENTAL SEPTAGE DUMPING AND TREATMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS December 16, 2004

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October 10, 2005

Mr. Matthew Campbell Septage Waste Program Coordinator MDEQ Water Bureau PO Box 30273 Lansing, MI 48909-7773

Subject: Septage Waste Treatment Operating Plan

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Dear Mr. Campbell:

Enclosed you will find the proposed operating plan relating to the Joint Plant's treatment of septage waste. The public notice requirements have been fulfilled and an Affidavit of Publication for such is on file.

The latest amendment to the rules and regulations governing the treatment of septage waste was approved and adopted by the Benton Harbor - St. Joseph Wastewater Treatment Plant Joint Board of Commissioners on December 16, 2004. These rules form the basis for the Joint Plant's Septage Waste Treatment Operating Plan.

If you have any questions or comments relating to this matter please contact me.

Sincerely,

Timothy J. Aynch Plant Manager

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